

1 Delegate Carson.

2 DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, you may call
3 me out of order because it is not strictly in favor, nor
4 is it strictly against, but I would like to point out
5 that in our deliberation in the Local Government Committee
6 we did decide that a regional government could preempt
7 entirely a county government's function although it would
8 not necessarily have to. A regional government may
9 exercise all the powers of the former counties involved
10 whose boundaries lie within it. County lines would
11 still exist but powers could be given by the General
12 Assembly to that regional government.

13 On the other hand, powers would not have to be
14 given so broadly and it would certainly be consistent
15 also with the existence of county governments that a
16 limited regional government be established. Let's make
17 no bones about it. If you vote for this you are voting
18 to permit the General Assembly to permit an all-powerful
19 regional government. I do not say vote against it.
20 I merely say understand that when you do vote for it,
21 if you do.